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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 890,000 head as of February 1, 2015. The latest inventory was down 1 percent from January 1, 2015 and down 6 percent from February 1, 2014. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 140,000 head of fed cattle during January 2015, up 4 percent from the December 2014 marketings of 135,000 head but down 18 percent from a year ago. An estimated 135,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January 2015, down 29 percent from a year ago, but 4 percent above the December 2014 placements of 130,000. Of the number placed in January, 22 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 26 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 33 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for January was estimated at 5,000 head, no change from last month but down 5,000 head from last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on February 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly above February 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 11 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 405,000, 600-699 pounds were 340,000, 700-799 pounds were 477,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.63 million, 9 percent below 2014. January marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 77,000 during January, 8 percent above 2014.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 81.6 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2015, up from 81.3 on January 1, 2014.

Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2014 represented 87.2 percent of all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, up from 86.9 percent during 2013.

For a full copy of the February 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.